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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria VA 22313

REMARKS

The office action of December 1, 2004 rejected claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-17, 19-21, 24-34, 38-43 and 45-47 under 35 U.S. C. 102 based on Yokoyama et al and rejected claims 9-10, 18, 35-37 and 44 under 35U. S. C. 103 as being unpatentable over Yokoyama et al. The examiner stated Claims 4, and 22-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of base claim and any intervening claims.

In regard to allowable claim 4, per the suggestion of the examiner, the applicant has combined dependent claim 4 with independent claim 1 to place claim 1 into allowable condition as well as claims 2-3 and 5-15 which are now dependent on allowable claim 1. Claim 4 has been canceled.

In regard to allowable claim 22 the office stated that none of the references discloses a threaded member for rotatingly engagement with the electrical wire, in combination with the other claimed element of the embodiment recited. Accordingly, claim 22 has been amended to include independent claim 16 and dependent claims 17,18, 19, and 20 as suggested by the examiner. In addition